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General Comment

The TMDL regulations that are proposed by the EPA concerning the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed are greatly flawed due to the facts that they are based on inaccurate information and are in contradiction to the laws of the constitution. Information used by the EPA to determine the amount of farmland acreage that is no-tilled is inaccurate due to the fact that it does not take into account the amount of acres that are no tilled voluntarily and are subsequently not enrolled in any type of government programs.

Goals that have been set by the EPA concerning that TMDL are unrealistic. They fail to recognize that the bay is already cleaner than it was twenty five years ago due to the voluntary practices that are taken by farmers to reduce nutrient and sediment runoff from farmland. Furthermore they also fail to recognize that fact that there is a very large per acre population of people in the bay watershed that continues to grow rapidly and greatly increase the amount of runoff that is produced by thier daily activities.

The EPA also propoes methods of regulating the amount of runoff that is produced in the watershed by meas that oversteps the authority given to them by the clean water act.